

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A blender blade for cutting through a working
2 medium provided in a blender pitcher, comprising:
3 a body portion having an upper surface and a lower surface, said
4 body portion including an aperture effectively defining an axis of rotation
5 for the blender blade,
6 a first blade wing extending from said body portion and having an
7 upper surface and a lower surface,
8 a second blade wing extending from said body portion and having
9 an upper surface and a lower surface,
10 a sharp beveled leading edge provided on said first blade wing and
11 a sharp beveled leading edge provided on said second blade wing, said
12 leading edges thereby being adapted to cut through the working medium
13 during rotation of said blender blade, ~~and~~
14 a trailing edge on said first blade wing opposed to said leading
15 edge on said first blade wing, and a trailing edge on said second blade
16 wing opposed to said leading edge on said second blade wing,
17 ~~at least one~~ a wing flap extending outwardly, selectively
18 downwardly from said trailing edge of said first blade wing and said
19 trailing edge of said second blade wing, and
20 a wing tip extending upwardly at an obtuse angle from the end of
21 said first blade wing and from the end of said second blade wing.
- 1 2. (Canceled).
- 1 3. (Canceled).
- 1 4. (Canceled).

- 1 5. (Currently Amended) A blender blade according to claim 3 1, wherein
2 said wing flap provided on said first blade wing is angled relative to said
3 first blade wing along a first bend line, and wherein said wing flap on said
4 second blade wing is angled relative to said second blade wing along a
5 second bend line.
- 1 6. (Canceled).
- 1 7. (Canceled).
- 1 8. (Canceled).
- 1 9. (Currently Amended) A blender blade according to claim 7 1, wherein
2 said first blade wing and said second blade wing are asymmetrically
3 oriented with respect to said body portion, said upper surface of said
4 second blade wing being obtusely oriented relative to said body portion.
- 1 10. (Original) A blender blade according to claim 9, wherein said body portion
2 and said first blade wing are uniformly connected, said upper surface of
3 said body portion smoothly transitioning into said upper surface of said
4 first blade wing.
- 1 11. (Currently Amended) A blender blade according to claim 6 1, wherein
2 said wing flaps are hook-shaped ~~and include first surfaces and second~~
3 ~~surfaces, said first surface impinging the working medium when said wing~~
4 ~~flaps are oriented upwardly and said second surface of said wing flaps~~
5 ~~impinging the working medium when said wing flaps are oriented~~
6 downwardly.
- 1 12. (Canceled).

- 1 13. (Currently Amended) A blender blade according to claim 3 1, wherein
2 said wing flap provided on said first blade wing and said wing flap
3 provided on said second blade wing ~~can be selectively~~ are canted
4 ~~inwardly and outwardly relative to said leading edges~~ to control the radial
5 flow of the working medium relative to the axis of rotation.
- 1 14. (Currently Amended) A blender blade according to claim 13, wherein said
2 first blade wing and said second blade wing gradually narrow as said first
3 blade wing and said second blade wing extend outwardly from said body
4 portion, ~~said wing flap provided on said first blade wing and said wing flap~~
5 ~~provided on said second blade wing being canted inwardly accordingly.~~
- 1 15. (Canceled).
- 1 16. (New) A blender blade comprising a first wing, a second wing opposed to
2 said first wing, each said wing having a sharp beveled leading edge and
3 an opposed trailing edge, a wing flap extending downwardly from a
4 portion of said trailing edge of each said wing, and a wing tip extending
5 upwardly at an obtuse angle from the end of each said wing.
- 1 17. (New) A blender blade for cutting through a working medium provided in
2 a blender pitcher comprising at least one blade wing having a leading
3 edge and a trailing edge, a wing flap extending from said trailing edge,
4 said wing flap being angled relative to said blade wing defining a flap
5 angle, and canted relative to said leading edge defining a canted angle,
6 wherein said flap angle controls axial flow of the working medium and
7 said canted angle controls radial flow of the working medium.
- 1 18. (New) The blender blade according to claim 17, wherein when said flap
2 angle is downward, the working medium is correspondingly directed
3 axially downward.

- 1 19. (New) The blender blade according to claim 17, wherein when said flap
2 angle is upward, the working medium is correspondingly directed axially
3 upward.
- 1 20. (New) The blender blade according to claim 17, wherein said canted
2 angle is correspondingly directed radially inward.
- 1 21. (New) The blender blade according to claim 17, wherein said canted
2 angle is outward, the working medium is correspondingly directed radially
3 outward.